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Subject: RE: Update: ERDF Mitigation

Lauri,

WDFW's policy is implemented differently from RL's. Section 7 of RL's Biological Resources Mitigation Strategy (BRMIS) covers mitigation monitoring and reporting. Contingencies are specifically addressed in Section 7.1, Mitigation Performance Measures and Monitoring. BHI implements BRMIS, as evidenced by their ERC Revegetation Monitoring Reports. The draft 2001 report actually describes two separate contingency plantings done due to low survival that was detected during the 2001 revegetation monitoring (you didn't see anything in the 2000 reveg report because monitoring results didn't trigger any contingencies). Due to BRMaP, BRMIS and the annual monitoring program, there's no need for individual contingency plans for each project.

With regards to your comment that RL should invite the trustees to participate more actively in restoration and monitoring activities, I'm not sure that we could extend any more invitations or opportunities than we do now. All plans are shared with the trustees and all reveg site selections have included the trustees (we've taken several field trips with the express purpose of site selection and another one is planned for this spring). Most of our large scale reveg projects are performed by USFWS, a member trustee of the NRTC. And all post-reveg monitoring/contingency activities are reported to the trustees on an annual basis.

Maybe we can get together with some of the BHI folks and have them explain in more detail how it all works (due to the complexities inherent to Hanford, such things are not always readily apparent). And if there's still something missing that you feel should more closely involve the trustees, please let me know and we'll try to work something out.

Jamie

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Jamie:

Thank you for sending out the revised ERDF Mitigation Statement of Work, and incorporating the concerns the Trustees had regarding planting of a more diverse shrub steppe community including native grasses.

I have a couple of concerns with the Statement of Work as presented. Per our conference call on September 20th, you referred to the "2000 Environmental Restoration Contractor Revegetation Monitoring Report" regarding the concerns I raised which included monitoring and contingency planning. I reviewed the document and I could not find any language of contingency planning. WDFW's policy "Requiring or Recommending Mitigation" requires contingency plans, including corrective actions that will be taken if mitigation developments do meet goals and objectives.

In the future I also encourage RL to invite the Trustees to participate more actively in restoration and monitoring efforts on the Hanford site. For example, when the RL and USFWS select sites for plantings, Trustees should be notified and invited to attend.

Thank you

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Folks,

Just wanted to give you an update on the ERDF mitigation effort. Most of us discussed this issued during the 9/20/01 conference call. The focus of that call was the inclusion of additional species into the revegetation statement of work (SOW). I subsequently rewrote that SOW (attached below) to address trustee comments/concerns and it now includes shrubs and grasses, not just sagebrush.

RL and USFWS are still coordinating on the preparation of a proposal for the SOW. However, in order to "protect" the funding for this project, our procurement office opted to award an interagency agreement with USFWS for the work prior to receipt of the proposal (I didn't even know this was an option). In order to protect the funding, the award had to be made before the end of the fiscal year (9/30/01).

In other words, to avoid losing the project funding at the end of the fiscal year, RL signed an Interagency Agreement with USFWS to perform the mitigation work, based on the attached SOW (which was our "best guess" at the time). Final specifications will be defined in the pending USFWS proposal and we will coordinate with you on this proposal.

Please understand that we are not trying to force the issue, we're just protecting the funds. Your comments have and will be considered. And this is turning into a very interesting project.